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# **PRESS**

Issued HQ's water grants press release to California media markets: EPA Awards \$25.4 Million to Train and Assist Small Drinking Water and Wastewater Systems (Contact: Michele Huitric)

Issued the following press release to Region 9 media lists: U.S. EPA Announces Seven Pacific Southwest Metro Areas Make ENERGY STAR's Top Cities List for 2017 - <a href="https://epa.gov/newsreleases/us-epa-announces-seven-pacific-southwest-metro-areas-make-energy-stars-top-cities-list">https://epa.gov/newsreleases/us-epa-announces-seven-pacific-southwest-metro-areas-make-energy-stars-top-cities-list</a> (Contact: Margot Perez-Sullivan)

**Univision – Santa Rosa** (Maria Fincher) [Received 4/12] – OPEN – Reached out to reporter to schedule regular quarterly interview for mid/late May. Possible topic: mercury. LND. Waiting to hear back from reporter. Soledad Calvino.

The Stockton Record (Alex Breitler) [Received on 4/11] – CLOSED – Got a notification from Vocus that reporter is no longer at the Record and will be the new San Joaquin Delta College PIO. Reached out to reporter to congratulate him and ask if anyone is taking over his beat at the newspaper. He was one of the main environmental reporters left in the Central Valley. Central CA. Soledad Calvino.

**CurbedSF** (Chris Roberts) [Received 4/6] – OPEN – Reporter has questions about Bayview Hunters Point site and recent results regarding buildings on Parcel A. Provided a written response; reporter now has follow-up questions. SFD. NorCal. Michele Huitric

**Inside EPA** (Suzanne Yohannan) [Received 4/10] – OPEN – Producer had questions regarding press release that Public Employees for Environmental Responsibility (PEER) issued about EPA's review of soil samples at Hunters Point Naval Shipyard. Working with program on response. DDL: 4/13. SFD, NorCal, Michele Huitric

**SF Chronicle** (Cynthia Dizikes) [received 4/11] – CLOSED – Reporter had questions regarding press release that Public Employees for Environmental Responsibility (PEER) issued about EPA's review of soil samples at Hunters Point Naval Shipyard. Provided previously-cleared written response. SFD, NorCal, Michele Huitric

**SF Chronicle** (Caille Millner) [received 4/11] – OPEN – Editorial writer is working on a piece about Hunters Point and EPA's review of soil samples. Will work with program on written response. SFD, NorCal, Michele Huitric

**LA Times** (Tony Barboza) [Received 4/10]—OPEN—Reporter sent a list of questions regarding Exide. Reporter is asking about EPA's involvement, why EPA hasn't considered the site for and NPL and what upcoming assistance we plan on providing DTSC for addressing lead in the area. Working on gathering information from various programs. DDL, 4/12. SoCal. SFUND/LND, Nahal Mogharabi.

**Vice News** (Belle Cushing) [Received 4/4]—OPEN—Producer is looking to get some information on U.S.- Mexico Border Water Infrastructure Program and would like to speak with someone on background to hear about ongoing projects and funding. Working on gathering information from program. SoCal. WTR/BDR, Nahal Mogharabi.

**HuffPost** (Chris D'Angelo) [Received 4/11] – OPEN – reporter interested in Northeast Church Rock Mine site, reached out to reporter who is on deadline for separate story, waiting to hear back. SFD, Navajo, Margot Perez-Sullivan

**Nevada Appeal** (Anne Knowles) [Received 4/11] -CLOSED – Reporter attended public Carson City River event and spoke to CIC. SFD, NV, Margot Perez-Sullivan

**Cronkite News Arizona** (Gabriel Sandler) [Received 4/10] – CLOSED – Reporter would like to know if agency has data on impacts of rodenticides on great horned owl and other wildlife. Reached out to pesticides program manager, heard from program and referred to HQ. LND, AZ Margot Perez-Sullivan

**Buzzfeed** (Zahra Hirji) [Received 4/11] – CLOSED – Reporter is asking about Region 9 attendance at recent air quality meeting. Referred her to HQ, since meeting was in DC. AIR, HQ Contact: Kelly Zito

## **WEB & SOCIAL MEDIA**

#### Social Media:

**Energy Star** – Posted to our <u>Twitter</u> and <u>Facebook</u> pages about the <u>2018 Energy Star Top Cities</u> list.

## Web Updates:

Air Implementation Plans – Updated our EPA Approved Nonregulatory Provisions and Quasi-Regulatory Measures in the Hawaii SIP page.

## **CONGRESSIONAL & INTERGOVERNMENTAL**

Congressional Outreach on Energy Star Top Cities: Dean Higuchi shared today's HQ press release with Congressional staff for the entire Region 9 Congressional delegation announcing EPA's 10th annual "Top Cities" list, which ranks the 25 U.S. metropolitan areas with the most ENERGY STAR certified buildings in the preceding calendar year. Los Angeles earned first place with more than 700 ENERGY STAR certified buildings, bumping Washington, D.C. to second place. San Francisco came in sixth and Phoenix came in eighth. Riverside, San Diego, Sacramento and San Jose also made the list, with 100 or more ENERGY STAR certified buildings each.

Rep. Barbara Lee (D-CA-13): At the request of Chief of Staff Amy Miller, Brent Maier reached out to the Congresswoman's Oakland Office to set up two meetings, the 1<sup>st</sup> would be a meeting here at our Regional Office at 75 Hawthorne St. in San Francisco on Thursday, April 19<sup>th</sup> at 2:00pm – 3:00pm with Acting District Director Tatyana Kalinga and would include a presentation and full discussion on what EPA is doing on lead in Oakland, and would also include an update on Brownfield sites in Oakland. Deldi Reyes is taking the lead on organizing the discussion for this meeting. The 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting would be a follow up meeting in the Congresswoman's Oakland District Office that would focus on City of Oakland/Port of Oakland issues. This meeting would involve Acting Regional Administrator Alexis Strauss, Amy Miller, Richard Grow and Desean Garnett and will be taking place on Friday, May 4<sup>th</sup> at 3:30pm and will include Acting District Director Tatyana Kalinga and Field Representative Xavier Johnson.

**Sen. Kamala Harris (D-CA) and Rep. Barbara Lee (D-CA-13):** Brent Maier coordinated and participated in a call today with June Williams in the Senator's San Francisco Office and Xavier Johnson in the Congresswoman's Oakland District Office who were both interested in a briefing on EPA's upcoming lead cleanup and study activities in West Oakland.

Superfund Division's Dan Meer, Nova Blazej, Sharon Murray, Amanda Pease, and Eric Nuchims and Enforcement Division's Deldi Reyes along with representatives from DTSC participated in this discussion.

Congressional Outreach on Award of \$25.4M to Train and Assist Small Drinking Water Systems: Brent Maier shared today's HQ press release with Congressional staff for the entire Region 9 Congressional delegation announcing an award of \$25.4 million to train and assist small drinking water and wastewater systems. These funds are being awarded using funds appropriated to EPA in FY 2017 and FY 2018. The grantees are: National Rural Water Association; Rural Community Assistance Partnership; and University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. This funding will be used to provide small public drinking water and wastewater systems with training and technical assistance to achieve and maintain compliance with the Safe Drinking Water Act, improve operational performance, and help inform private drinking water well owners about protecting their drinking water supply and improving water quality. The training and assistance will also help system operators identify when critical infrastructure upgrades are needed and how EPA can help support those efforts, which is consistent with the goals and objectives of President Trump's Infrastructure Plan.

**Rep. Scott Peters (D-CA-52):** Brent Maier received an inquiry from Anais Borja in the Congressman's DC office requesting information on the issue of lead paint. Brent shared with Anais a link to information posted on EPA's website at <a href="https://www.epa.gov/lead">https://www.epa.gov/lead</a> and offered up a follow up call with Region 9 staff/managers if that would be helpful.

**Rep. Nanette Barragan (D-CA-44):** Brent Maier received an inquiry from District Director Morgan Roth on behalf of the City of Long Beach Council who is seeking support for their urban agricultural initiative and wanted to see if there were any potential EPA grants we could refer them to. Brent shared the inquiry and information provided with Chief of Staff and Ag Lead Amy Miller to see if she had any recommendations and will follow up with Morgan Roth with any information that would be helpful.

**EPA HQ Meeting with Jacqueline Howells, Representative of Valley Center Municipal Water District in Southern California:** The purpose of the meeting is to discuss SRF loan for title 16 water reclamation project. Water Division's Roger Gorke and Brent Maier participated in this meeting via teleconference.

**Tomorrow - Thursday, April 12, 2018 – House Natural Resources Committee -** House Natural Resources' Energy Subcommittee <u>holds hearing</u> on Navajo Generating Station's benefits to local economies.

**Tomorrow - Thursday, April 12, 2018 - Sen. Dianne Feinstein (D-CA):** Brent Maier has confirmed a follow up call for Thursday, April 12<sup>th</sup> at 2:00pm with Kristina Solberg in the Senator's Fresno Office to discuss the Clear Creek Management Area (CCMA) with our Superfund staff/managers. Brent previously shared information we had shared with Sen. Kamala Harris and Rep. Jimmy Panetta's office on CCMA. Superfund's Lynn Keller, Kelly Manheimer, Caleb Shaffer, Dan Stralka, Dana Barton and Rusty Harris-Bishop and Land Division's Jeanne Geselbracht and ORC's Sara Goldsmith are included in the calendar invite.

# <u>Upcoming Congressional Meetings, Hearings, Intergovernmental Meetings and Events:</u>

Friday, April 13, 2018 – House Energy & Commerce Committee: The House Energy and Commerce Committee's environment panel will hold an April 13 hearing on "challenges and opportunities" related to high-octane fuels and fuel-efficient vehicles. The hearing comes as EPA is preparing to roll back Obama-era standards for vehicles' greenhouse gas emissions, and is also weighing the future of the renewable fuel system (RFS).

https://energycommerce.house.gov/hearings/high-octane-fuels-high-efficiency-vehicles-challenges-opportunities/

**Tuesday, April 24, 2018 – Special Election in Arizona's 8<sup>th</sup> Congressional District:** The Special Election takes place to fill the 8<sup>th</sup> Congressional District seat vacated by former Rep. Trent Franks. Republican candidate Debbie Lesko will face-off against Democratic candidate Hiral Tipirneni.

Week of April 23, 2018 (Day/Time TBD) – House Appropriations Committee: FY2019 Budget Hearing with EPA. Witness: Administrator Scott Pruitt

**Wednesday, April 25, 2018 – Senate Appropriations Committee:** FY2019 Budget Hearing with EPA. Witness: Administrator Scott Pruitt

**Thursday, April 26, 2018 – House Energy and Commerce Committee:** FY2019 Budget Hearing with EPA. Witness: Administrator Scott Pruitt

Tuesday – Wednesday, May 1 – 2, 2018: Mayors Water Council Convenes May 1 – 2, 2018: EPA's Office of Water has been invited to participate in USCM's Mayors Water Council's Washington, DC meeting as member mayors convene to discuss a number of priorities. OIR is working with USCM and OW staff on the request. Broad discussion topics include: Water and Sewer Infrastructure Policies of Inclusion and Innovation; Water and Sewer Infrastructure Financing; Public Water Affordability and Integrated Planning; and, Regulatory Review. Assistant Administrator for Water Dave Ross has been invited to engage in dialogue with the mayors as they take the opportunity to familiarize him with their perspectives on such matters of interest as: WOTUS; Regions and Consent Decrees (stormwater); Water Reuse Guidance; Guidance on Financial Capability; Integrated Planning; and, the Lead and Copper Rule. AA Ross is unavailable, and Andrew Sawyers, Director, Office of Wastewater Management, will appear in his stead. The Council has also invited OW leads for the MS4 Pilot Projects, and the WIFIA Program to appear with overviews, and engage in discussions. Mayor Jill Techel (Napa, CA), is Chair of the Council. Over thirty mayors from a cross-section of the country serve on the Council. AA Ross last addressed the Council on January 24, 2018 during USCM's Annual Winter Meeting in Washington, DC. He discussed EPA's priority programs WIFIA, SRFs, and those involving Integrated Stormwater Management Planning and he listened to member mayors about their concerns. OCIR Contact: M. Arnita Hannon Christmon